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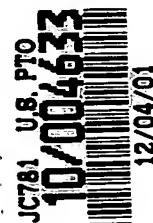
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56 AND §1.97**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references known by Applicants or their attorneys to be material to patentability of the claimed invention, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to references AA through DF which are listed on the accompanying Revised Form PTO-1449.

The above-identified application is a continuation of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/324,986, filed June 2, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/032,337, filed February 27, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/609,583, filed March 1, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,204,371, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/487,748, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,721,351, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/398,633, filed March 3, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 6,066,322. References AA through DB are of record in U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/609,583, filed March 1, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,204,371 and references DC through DF are of record in U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/324,986, filed June 2, 1999. Therefore,

pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these references are not submitted herewith. However, if the Examiner would prefer, copies of these references will be made available to the Examiner upon request.

Identification of the above-listed references is not to be construed as an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the instant application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use Form PTO-1449 since that form identifies all references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a "Revised Form PTO-1449" entitled "List of References Cited."

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review each of the references identified on the attached Revised Form PTO-1449, and that the references be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) no fee is believed due. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine otherwise, please charge any required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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